

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 CAIRO 10351 211334Z  
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSM-03 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01  
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02  
SS-15 USIA-06 EB-07 COME-00 TRSE-00 FEAE-00 INT-05  
OMB-01 AID-05 AGRE-00 /077 W  
-----026836 211350Z /46  
R 211239Z JUN 77  
FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6401

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CAIRO 10351

E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: ECON EFIN EG  
SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS ON GOE FIVE YEAR PLAN

REF: CAIRO 7641

1. JUNE 18 AND 20 LOCAL PRESS CARRIES COMMENTS OF GOE  
MINPLANNING ABDEL MEQUID ON NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN. ACCORDING  
TO PRESS, PLAN WILL NOT BE LIMITED TO "THREE COMING YEARS",  
BUT WILL COVER PERIOD UP TO 1987, AS WELL. ABDEL MEQUID  
EXPECTS TO RELEASE IT TO GOE OFFICIALS, EXPERTS, AND  
POLITICAL LEADERS FOR DISCUSSION IN JULY PRIOR TO ITS  
SUBMISSION TO PA.

2. PLAN WHEN COMPLETED REPORTEDLY WILL CONSIST OF FOURTEEN  
VOLUMES, EACH DEVOTED TO A SEPARATE SUBJECT. FIRST VOLUME  
WILL ANALYZE PROBLEMS OF EGYPTIAN CITIZENS INCLUDING  
EDUCATION, HEALTH AND OTHER, MORE "COMPREHENSIVE", ISSUES.  
SECOND VOLUME WILL FOCUS ON OPEN DOOR PLANNING, WHILE THIRD  
WILL OUTLINE TARGETS OF PLAN AND RECOMMENDED ECONOMIC STRATEGIES.  
REMAINING VOLUMES WILL COVER "FOOD SECURITY", UTILITIES,  
AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, PETROLEUM, MINING, AND PLANNING  
WITHIN THE GOVERNATES. PLAN WILL ALSO DELINEATE PROJECTS  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 CAIRO 10351 211334Z

TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY PUBLIC SECTOR AND THOSE TO BE LEFT  
FOR PRIVATE SECTOR.

3. PRESS ACCOUNTS SAY PLAN IS ADDRESSED TO NEEDS AND  
CONCERNS OF ORDINARY CITIZENS. SPIRALLING PRICES AND SLOW  
GROWTH IN INCOME COUPLED WITH HIGH BIRTH RATE HAVE CREATED  
GAP BETWEEN ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

OF THE GOVERNMENT. SITUATION, THEREFORE, REQUIRES AN UNCONVENTIONAL POLICY TO ACHIEVE BALANCE BETWEEN PRICES AND INCOMES AND TO DESTROY "GRIP OF PARASITIC INTERMEDIARIES" WHICH DEPRIVE PEOPLE OF BENEFITS OF STATE SUBSIDIES. ABDEL MEQUID REPORTEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT PLAN'S PURPOSE IS NOT TO APPORTION BLAME FOR PAST ERRORS, BUT TO SET FORTH A CLEAR COURSE FOR ECONOMIC LIBERALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

4. COMMENT. PRESS REPORTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH MINPLANNING'S EARLIER COMMENTS TO USAID DIRECTOR (REFTEL), ALTHOUGH SEEMING TO PROMISE MORE ELABORATE DOCUMENTATION THAN ABDEL MEQUID INDICATED WOULD BE CASE IN THAT CONVERSATION. INFORMATION RELEASED TO JOURNALISTS TENDS TO CONFIRM POSITION TAKEN BY GOE AT PARIS CG MEETING, I.E., THAT PLAN WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BY ALL INTERESTED PARTIES BY AUGUST. PROCESS OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY PEOPLES ASSEMBLY EL AL PROBABLY MEANS FORMALLY-APPROVED PLAN WILL NOT BE ADOPTED UNTIL NEAR END OF CY 1977, HOWEVER.  
EILTS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 CAIRO 10351 211334Z

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRESS COMMENTS, FIVE YEAR PLAN  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 21-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977CAIRO10351  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770221-0258  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** CAIRO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770637/aaaabfwr.tel  
**Line Count:** 87  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** c8596479-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION NEA  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 CAIRO 7641  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 24-Jan-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2086867  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** PRESS REPORTS ON GOE FIVE YEAR PLAN  
**TAGS:** ECON, EFIN, EG  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/c8596479-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009